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APPROVAL OF UNDP ASSISTANCE TO AN INTERREGIONAL PROJECT
(INT/92/201) - Environment Management Training (Phase I)

Date of approval by the AC: 1/	22 January 1992
Expected duration:	6 months
Proposed executing agency:	UNDP/OPS
Proposed UNDP contribution:	$602 000 Source of funds: SPR
Total UNDP budget:	$602 000

Project background

While it is understood that environment must become an integral part of development, there are no easy formulas as to how to do so. Development practitioners are lacking., in some cases. the knowledge, and in many more cases, the tools. The Handbook and Guidelines for Environmental Management and Sustainable Development (EMGs) are meant to assist in this process. However, this will be difficult without the appropriate individuals engaged in the development process having a thorough understanding of the concepts and tools listed therein. UNDP needs to lay the groundwork for transferring this knowledge.

The EMGs were developed between 1989-1991 through intensive consultations with other United Nations agencies, various nongovernmental organizations (NGOs), and several UNDP field offices including six who tested the guidelines at various stages. The three-part EMGs enable development practitioners to incorporate the principles of environmental management and sustainable, equitable and participatory development process.

During the testing workshops, a discussion on the future training programme was held to solicit views from those being exposed to the guidelines for the first time. The overwhelming consensus was that a training programme should be organized at the country level in order to reach all those who would need to work with the EMGs, and to make the course as country-specific as possible.

Description of project

Phase I of the project will lay the foundation for developing an extensive guidelines training programme. At the end of this phase, UNDP will be ready to initiate training courses in at least 20 developing countries. Through experience-oriented national seminars and subregional workshops the guidelines will be further introduced and explained to all development practitioners working with UNDP including, inter alia, government counterparts, representative NGOs and United Nations agency personnel.

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In order to create capacity in sustainable development the training programme needs to be prepared. During this phase project activities will include: (a) developing training materials including a trainer's manual, training notebooks and audiovisual aides; (b) making EMGs and all training materials accessible and user-friendly; (c) translating these materials into at least two United Nations languages and producing them in user-friendly formats; (d) identifying trainers from each of the regions to conduct the training courses; (e) conducting training of trainers to ensure that the guidelines will be interpreted similarly and that the trainers fully grasp the topics covered; (f) enabling the trainers to develop workshop modules and set generic materials which can be adapted to local conditions; (g) establishing and preparing the workshop schedule and locations; and (h) conducting three pilot training workshops.

Inputs

UNDP will provide assistance in financing the completion of the guidelines in at least three official languages, production of training and audiovisual materials, and organizing the training courses; a lead trainer to work on the preparation of the materials, a training co-ordinator to deal with the organizational logistics; a cadre of trainers from the field offices in order that each workshop can be staffed by two trainers, trainer's course held in New York led by the original authors of the guidelines, the UNDP training office and the lead trainer; and one trail workshop held at headquarters and two in the field.

Financial data

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Personnel	238 700
Training	300 500
Miscellaneous	62 800
Total	602 000

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